



San Joaquín River Parkway

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Board Meeting
September 1, 2021



Welcome and “Meeting Administrative Issues”

Consistent with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20, the public and Board members will participate in the meeting via Zoom or teleconference.

Public comments will be accepted per the agenda. Participants will be muted until called upon by the Chair.

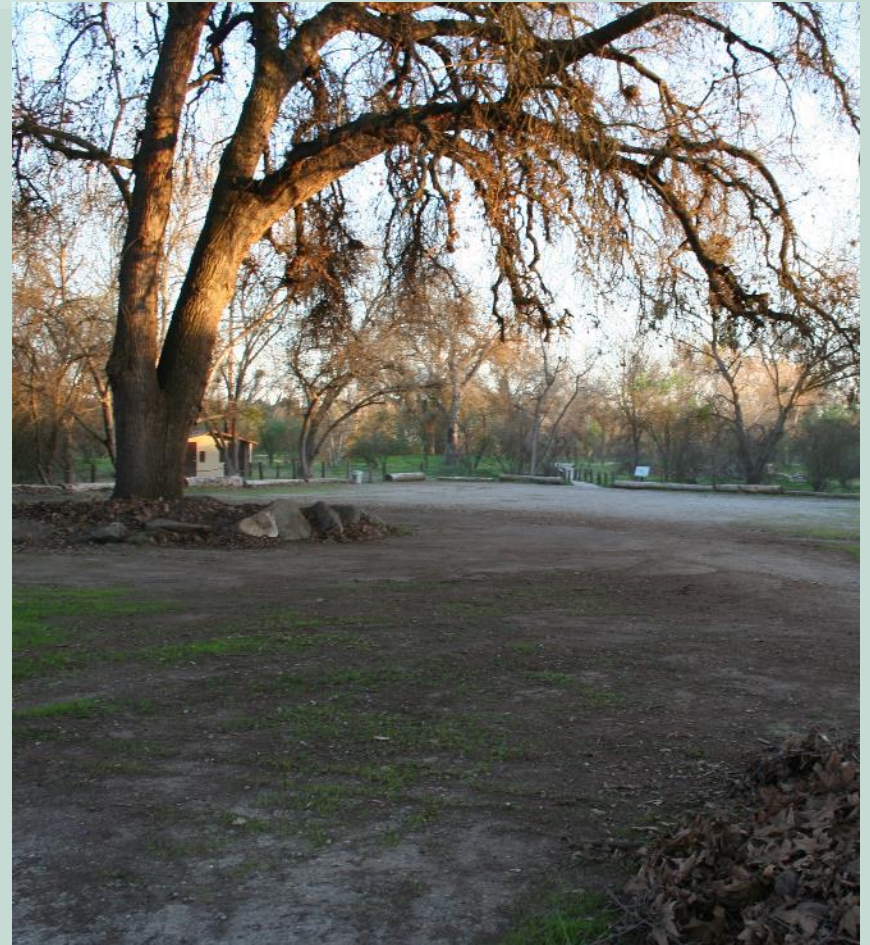
*CALL TO ORDER
&
Pledge of Allegiance*



MEETING AGENDA

The Agenda and Meeting Packet are available at:

<http://sjrc.ca.gov/Board/>



Wildwood Native Park

Public Comment Process

We hope that the Public is afforded as fair and open meeting as practical.

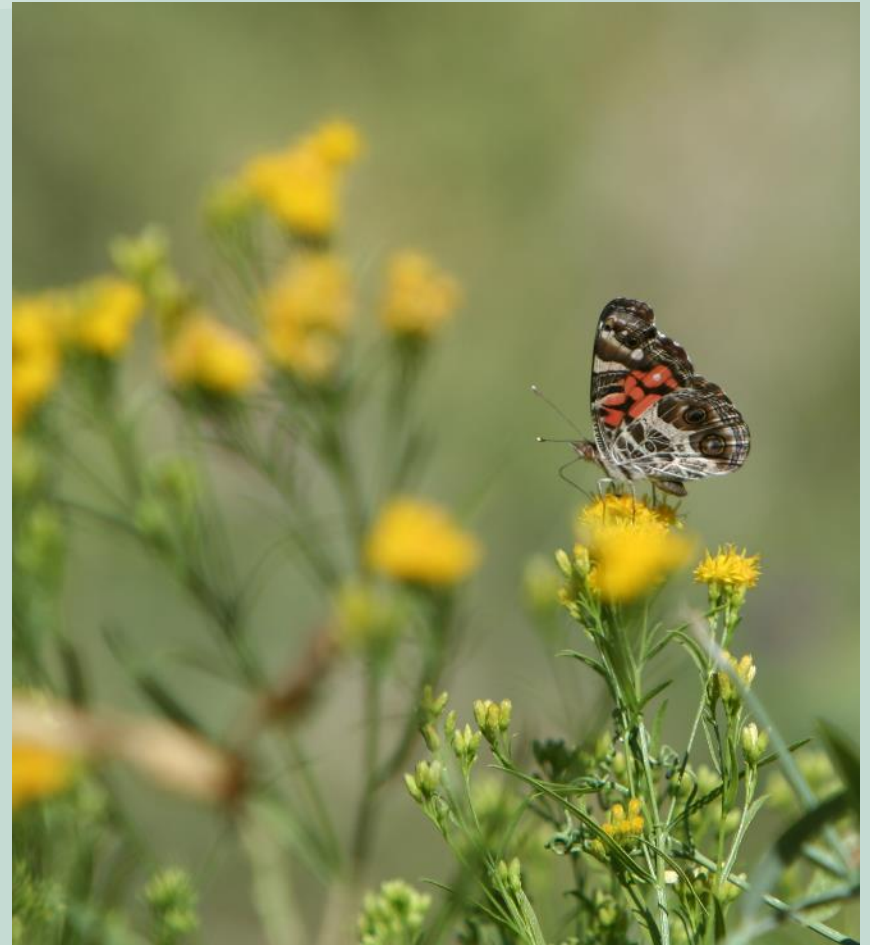
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MEETING AGENDA

A. Roll Call

B. Additions to the Agenda

Items identified after preparation of the agenda for which there is a need to take immediate action. Two-thirds vote required for consideration. (Gov. Code §54954.2(b)(2))



American Lady (*Vanessa virginiensis*)

C. Potential Conflicts of Interest



Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may identify the item and recuse themselves from discussion and voting on the matter. (FPPC §97105)

San Joaquin River from Ball Ranch

D. Public Comment & Business from the Floor

Ten minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public who wish to address the Conservancy Board on items of interest that are not on the agenda and are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Conservancy.

Speakers shall be limited to three minutes.

The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda; no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to the public comment at this time.

E. Consent Calendar:

- E-1 Action Item: Approve Minutes of April 7, 2021



*Main Pond at
Ball Ranch*

F. Regular Session Items

F-1 Action Item: Authorize Bond Funds and Grant to the City of Fresno for the River West Eaton Trail Extension Project.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the Board approve \$3,104,831.00 in bond funds and a grant agreement with the City of Fresno for the River West Eaton Trail Extension Project. Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) authorization would be requested at their November 2021 meeting.

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F-1: River West Eaton Trail Extension - City of Fresno

Located along the south side of the San Joaquin River just north of the Palm Buffs, between Highway 41 and Spano Park near intersection of Palm and Nees Avenue within the Fresno City limits.



F-1: River West Eaton Trail Extension - City of Fresno

- The City of Fresno would begin and complete final engineering designs, and secure permits for the River West Fresno Eaton Trail Extension Project.
- The project will extend the existing Lewis S. Eaton Trail approximately 2.4 miles starting at the Perrin Avenue alignment near Highway 41 and ending at the City of Fresno's Spano Park.
- The trail will be 22 feet wide (12-foot-wide paved surface, a parallel eight-foot-wide hard natural surface for equestrian use, and a two-foot shoulder).

F-1: River West Eaton Trail Extension - City of Fresno

In addition to the trail system, the project will include three access points with parking lots

- **Perring Avenue** parking lot will provide parking for 50 vehicles and three horse trailers, a two-vault restroom with drinking fountains, planting areas with new trees, and a pet station;
- **Riverview Drive** parking lot will provide parking for 15 vehicles and include 15 street marked parking stalls. The existing gravel road would be improved to provide bus access, bus turnaround, and bus parking;
- **North Palm Avenue** parking lot will be accessed by a new access road from the Palm Avenue cul-de-sac, extend across the bluff face toward the river bottom, around the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control basin and then to the new parking lot. The parking area would provide parking for 40 vehicles, a two-vault restroom with drinking fountains, planting area and a pet station.

F-1: River West Eaton Trail Extension - City of Fresno

The City of Fresno will also explore alternative improvements to mitigate traffic at the **intersection of Del Mar and Audubon**. These improvements would not only address the impacts of vehicle traffic at the intersection but would encourage greater use by pedestrians and bicyclists as an access point to the river.

F-1: River West Eaton Trail Extension - City of Fresno

Task	Start	Finish
SJRC Board Consideration	Sept 1, 2021	
WCB Consideration	Nov 18 2021	
WCB CEQA NOE/NOD Filing, Prepare and Execute Grant	Nov 18 2021	Jan 21, 2022
Hire Consultants: Prepare SOQ, Advertise, Selection, Approval at City Council, Contract	Jan 24, 2022	Sept 8, 2022
Plans, Specs, Estimate and Permitting	Sept 12, 2022	July 25, 2023
Bid Construction Package	Oct 11, 2023	Dec 12, 2023

F-1: River West Eaton Trail Extension - City of Fresno

Task Number & Name		WCB Funds Requested	Cost Share	Total Task Cost
Project Management and Administration		\$67,700	\$0	\$67,700
Engineering & Design				
	30% Conceptual Design	\$475,000	\$0	\$475,000
	60% Plans, Specs, & Estimate	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000
	90% Plans, Specs, & Estimate	\$325,000	\$0	\$325,000
	100% Plans, Specs, & Estimate	\$263,200	\$0	\$263,200
	HRRP	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
Permitting		\$1,029,000	\$0	\$1,029,000
Indirect Costs		\$44,931	\$58,869	\$103,800
Total		\$3,104,831	\$58,869	\$3,163,700

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F. Regular Session Items

F-2 Action Item: Appointment of Board Ad Hoc Committee, Annual Evaluation of Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

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F-2: Annual Evaluation of Executive Officer

Began service to the Conservancy November 19, 2018.

- **Routine review** of the quality of the Executive Officer's performance in relation to focused objectives and other measures
 - Include setting of **focus objectives for the coming year.**
 - Any **salary and benefit considerations** that are subject to Board discretion will also be reviewed upon each anniversary.

It is proposed that each review will be performed by an ad hoc committee of the Board, appointed each year by the chairperson, with input and any final action taken by the full Board in closed session.

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G. Reports

G-1 Organizations' Reports:

- **G-1a.** San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust
- **G-1b.** RiverTree Volunteers
- **G-1c.** Central California Off Road Cyclist (CCORC)
- **G-1d.** San Joaquin River Access Corporation (SJRAC)
- **G-1e.** San Joaquin River Socials
- **G-1f.** Other Organizations (please contact the Conservancy if you wish to Report on your Organization – info@sjrc.ca.gov)

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G. Reports (cont)

G-2 Deputy Attorney General



*View of Hwy 41
Bridge from Van
Buren*

G. Reports (cont)

G-3 - Executive Officer

State Budget For Fiscal Year 21-22 for the Conservancy

The Conservancy's budget for this fiscal year was contained in both the main Budget Bill ([AB 128](#)) and in the Budget Junior Bill ([AB 161](#)). Most of our funding remains the same as last year with a couple of notable exceptions:

- Our Program Delivery funding from the Safe Drinking Water fund (**Proposition 84**) was increased to cover full staffing needs from the Wildlife Conservation Board and State Parks;
- Small increase in our **Environmental License Plate** funding that will go to increase salaries, including our expenditures with the Department of Justice; and
- A very significant appropriation from **General Funds** that can be used for Operations and Maintenance - **\$15,000,000**.

G-3 - Executive Officer

		2019-20*	2020-21*	2021-22*
3050	SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CONSERVANCY			
	State Operations:			
0001	General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
0104	San Joaquin River Conservancy Fund	\$112	\$200	\$200
0140	California Environmental License Plate Fund	\$365	\$363	\$383
6029	California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund	\$7	\$13	\$13
6051	Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006	\$235	\$246	\$503
Totals, State Operations		\$719	\$822	\$16,098

* in thousands of dollars

G-3 - Executive Officer

AB 559 - [Bill Analysis](#) of the Senate Committee on Appropriations:

Proposed Law: This bill would revise and expand the governing board of SJRC, amend the chair selection process, and make SJRC subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. Specifically, this bill would:

1. Define “tribal organization” to mean an Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, or a tribal agency authorized by a tribe, which is either:
 - a. **Recognized** by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior and identified within the most current Federal Register, or
 - b. **Listed** on the contact list maintained by the **Native American Heritage Commission** as a California Native American tribe.
2. Increase the SJRC governing board from **15 to 16 voting members**, and make various changes to the makeup of membership.
3. Require the **Senate Rules committee** to appoint the **resident of Fresno County**, as specified.
4. Require the **Speaker of the Assembly** to appoint the **resident of Madera County**, as specified.
5. Require the **Governor** to appoint the resident of the **City of Fresno**, the **member of a California Native American Tribe**, and the **youth member**, as specified.
6. Require the voting members of the **SJRC governing board to annually elect a chair and vice chair from the voting members**. Provides that a person shall not serve as chairperson for more than two consecutive terms.

G-3 - Executive Officer

AB 559 - On the Senate Floor

State Bond Act Bills related to the SJRC are all on hold

AB 819: California Environmental Quality Act: notices and documents: electronic filing and posting -- Passed and Signed



Monarch Butterfly

G. Reports

G-4 Board Members



*Valley Oak –
Ledger Island*

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Next meeting:

- The next Board meeting will be held **October 6, 2021** at 10:00 a.m.

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